

# Newsletter



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Circle

## “Adversaries”

Iraqi MiG-29A vs. F/A-18C by Joe Volz



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by Tommy Kortman & Joe Volz

**F**or our November theme contest, I decided to try something different. Using a suggestion from Charlie Lockard, I thought we'd try a theme that required 2 models to compete with. So, we came up with Adversaries. This theme required that the competing models had to have an adversarial relationship with the other model. I wasn't sure if this theme was going to work, or if it would be a success. Well, I am pleasantly surprised to say it did work, and it was enough of a success that we will be doing a similar theme in November 2014. But, we'll talk more on that at another time.

**Right now**, let's talk about this month's winner. Joe Volz knocked another one out of the park with his two fantastic 1/72 scale jet fighters. They were both finished to Joe's usual high level of craftsmanship. But, instead of me blathering on about these two great models, I'll let Joe tell you in his own words. Take it away Joe...

**For the November theme** of “Rivals/Adversaries”

I chose to model a United States Navy F/A-18C Hornet, and an Iraqi Air Force MiG-29A Fulcrum.

**On the first night** of Operation Desert Storm, January 17, 1991, F/A-18C's from Navy squadron VFA-81 “Sunliners” were tasked on a ground strike mission over Iraqi territory. Although heavily loaded with air to ground ordnance, the Hornets were able to down two Iraqi Mig fighters, without having to jettison their bombs. These two kills were to be the only air to air kills made by the United States Navy during the conflict. After dispatching the Iraqi fighters, the F/A-18's continued on and completed their ground attack mission.

**The F/A-18 model** was built from the Academy kit in

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**December 6**

- Five Favorites Contest
- Christmas Party

## Hello Fellow Styrene Junkies!

**I**t is with a heavy heart that I have to start this month's column with some bad news. Last month we lost a good friend and modeler, Vince "The Godfather" Buonfiglio.

**His wife Susie** had a memorial Mass for him on Saturday November 23rd. There was a good showing of DVSM members. After the mass a group of us went to the Dining Car for breakfast. It was nice to sit and reminisce about Vince. Lou Ursino asked if we could name a trophy in Vince's name. I think this is a good idea we will discuss it at the meeting.

**Tony Wootson has asked** all members who knew Vince and have any stories about him to please send them to Tony.

**Turkey Day has come** and gone... The Holiday's have started. Christmas is three weeks away, then a week later, New Years Day. This year has gone by quickly. I almost have my second build of the year completed. This will be a record for me and I am looking forward to finishing it before the end of the year.

**Remember this month's meeting** is our annual Christmas Party. Bring something to share with other club members and your better halves and children are welcomed.

**Thanks All for now.** If you do not make the meeting have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday's and a Happy New Year.

## Here's Tommy!

**T**hanks Bob. I too would like to express my thoughts about Vince. I am going to miss the man I called "don Vincenzo". Vince was a good friend, and a great modeler. He always had advice for me when I needed it, and was quick with a joke to lighten the mood. He had some wonderful stories to tell, and was always willing to lend

a hand, even when it became difficult for him to get around. I know this may sound selfish but, even though Vince was struggling with his health and is in a far better place now, I still wish he was able to be here with us for just a little longer. I will miss don Vincenzo. Dio vi benedica mio amico. Vai con Dio.

**Ok, I guess** I should get back to business now. This month is not only our annual Christmas party, it is also our annual Favorite Five contest. For those who may not know, the Favorite Five is the contest that is voted on by you, our members. Members are allowed to enter up to three (3) models for consideration. The members will then vote for the models they like best using the following parameter. "Which 5 models would I like to take home with me...if I could."

**Personally, for me,** this is my favorite contest. I feel like the award is more special because it was voted upon by your peers. Members who are fantastic modelers in their own right. If they deem a model worthy of an award, it must be pretty good then.

**I would also like to remind** everyone that the themes for the 2014 contests are printed in this newsletter, and that if you have any questions, please feel free to ask me.

**Make sure you double check** the theme points totals. Using an executive order (my rules...remember), I decided, that since November's theme required two(2) models to compete, I would award double points for last month. It jumbled up the final order a bit, but it did not affect the overall outcome. That being said, I would like to announce that on the strength of competing in every theme contest this year, with 1 win, and 4 second place monthly finishes, Mike Turco is the 2013 Monthly Theme Contest Champion! Congratulations Mike!!

**The top five were:** 1st – Mike Turco, 2nd – Dave Anderson, 3rd – Joe Volz, 4th – Rod Rakos, 5th – (tie)

Paul Kopczynski and Paul Tomczak. Congratulations to you all and a big thank you to everyone who entered. You guys really turn out for these themes. Also, I would be remiss if I did not thank the man who, I believe, is the real reason the theme contest is a success; Mike Napoloen! Mike really works hard to make the plaques as special as possible. Even though I give him some pretty tough themes to work with, he always comes through. Thanks again Mike!

**Ok, one last item** before I go. In October, we discussed and voted on a club build for next year. It was decided that we do a build of anything from the decade of the 50's. Well, some of the members approached me last month with some thoughts, and an idea. It is felt that the 50's build is not much more than a glorified theme build, and that they would like to see a bit more of a challenge, since it is a year-long build. So the idea they proposed was a Brown Bag Build.

**What we would do** is every member that would like to compete would be required to bring one unbuilt kit to the January meeting. It can be new, or something from your stash, however, they all must be in the same skill range, price range, and quality level. These then would be placed in un-marked paper bags, and picked at random by the members who are competing. You would then have until December to complete whichever model you picked. We will mark down who picked what, so there will be NO SWAPPING. You won't know what you are getting, so it should really challenge your skills.

**We can hash out the details** at this month's meeting, and get the list of competing members together. I think this is a much better idea than the 50's build, but I'll leave it up to you guys.

**That's all for now,** see you at the meeting. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Have a Happy New Year! ■



# November Display Highlights

Photos by Tommy Kortman  
EXCEPT WHERE NOTED



Adversaries: Roush vs. Saleen Mustangs, 1/25, by Nick Sandone



Adversaries: Messerschmitt Bf-109G vs. P-51B Mustang, 1/32, by Paul Kopczynski



Adversaries: HMS Hood vs. Bismarck, 1/350, by Dave Anderson



Adversaries: Patton vs. Rommel, 120mm, by Rich Boyd. Photo by Bob Doebley



Adversaries: Snake vs. Mongoose Funny Cars, 1/24, by Don Senner



Adversaries: Spitfire Mk-XIV vs. V-1, 1/72, Paul Tomczak



Adversaries: F4U-1 Corsair, 1/48, by Charlie Lockard



Adversaries: A6M3 Zero, 1/48, by Charlie Lockard

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EXCEPT WHERE NOTED



Adversaries: P-40E Warhawk vs. Zero, 1/32, by Doug Goerke



Adversaries: Brabham vs. McLaren Grand Prix racers, 1/12, by Mike Turco



Republic P-47D Thunderbolt, 1/24, by len Salotti



'69 Corvette Custom, '71 'Cuda 340, '73 Firebird Formula 400, 1/24/1/25, by Butch Haas



F-16A, 1/32, by Dave Anderson



Boeing, 737-800, 1/144, by Joe Volz



# November Display Highlights



1940 Willys Gasser; 1/25, in-prog., by Keith Jones.. Photo by Bob Doebley



1972 'Cuda Pro Touring Custom, 1/25, in-prog., by Nick Sandone. Photo by Bob Doebley



2004 Ford Taurus, 1/24, by Tom Gill. Photo by Bob Doebley



F-100 Super Sabre, 1/72, by Howard Rifin. Photo by Tommy Kortman

## Monthly Theme Contests 2014

Every month we will have an open contest for the monthly themes. Members will vote for the best Theme model of the month. A personalized award plaque will be made by Mike Napoleon and presented at the following meeting.

### JANUARY

“You’re an Animal” (*animal names*)

### FEBRUARY

“Stone Cold” (*subjects with a winter or snow theme*)

### MARCH

“Going Green” (*green in color*)

### APRIL

“Big Hair & Parachute Pants: Back to the 80’s”

### MAY

“Nostalgic” (*the kit must be over 25 years old – straight re-issues ok too*)

### JUNE

Gold, Silver & Bronze Contest

### JULY

Japan

### AUGUST

“End of Summer” (*The last of any series*)

### SEPTEMBER

“Alternate Reality” (*Take a std. subject, and modify it some way. ie. color, markings, physical modifications...etc*)

### OCTOBER

“Let’s Go Out to the Lobby” (*TV and Movie subjects*)

### NOVEMBER

“Team Mates” (*yup, another 2 model event*)

### DECEMBER

Favorite Five contest

# Winner's Circle: MiG-29 & F/A-18

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1/72 scale. The kit is an excellent representation of the Hornet, and requires little in the way of aftermarket parts. The only additions I made were an aftermarket resin seat from True Details, and MK. 20 Rockeye cluster bombs sourced from Hasegawa's weapons set. The decals are from Repli-scale. Construction was otherwise straight forward, and from the box. The model is finished with a combination of Polly Scale and Tamiya paints, and weathered with oil washes, pastels, and airbrush shading.

**The MiG-29A** is from Italeri. Though more basic than the F/A-18 kit, it builds into the most accurate representation of the type available in 1/72 scale. The only addition to this build was a resin aftermarket seat, again from True Details. Markings were again sourced from Repli-scale on their excellent export MiG-29 sheet; stencil decals were from the kit.



Much like the Hornet, painting was accomplished using a combination of Polly Scale and Tamiya acrylics, with similar weathering using washes, pastels and airbrush shading. I did some fading to the paint to replicate that which occurs in the desert sun.

**The two models** were displayed on simple wooden bases from Michaels's, with a painted carrier deck for the Hornet, and a Verlinden printed airfield for the MiG-29.

**Thanks Joe**, for that informative write-up. As you guys know, there is NO theme for the December meeting. That's because it is our annual

Christmas Party, and also our Annual Favorite Five Contest. This is my favorite contest, because it is voted upon by you, our fellow club members. For the details about this contest, please see my usual addition found at the end of Uncle Bobby's monthly presidential column. That's all for now kiddies. Remember, the themes for 2014 should already be listed in this month's news letter. If you have any questions, or need any clarification on a theme, please don't hesitate to ask me. And...as always...remember. IT'S JUST A FREAKIN HOBBY!!!! Now go build something! ■

## 2013 Theme Contest Point Standings to Date

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Totals
Turco, Mike	4	4	4	3	2	4	5	3	3	2	34
Anderson, Dave	2	1	1	4	3	4	3	3	2	8	31
Volz, Joe	5	2	5		3	2			1	10	28
Rakos, Rod	3	3	1	3	1	5	2	4			22
Kopczynski, Paul	1	5	2				4	2	1	6	21
Tomczak, Paul	1	2		4	1	4		2	1	6	21
Lockard, Charlie	1	3	1		5		3		1	6	20
Hogg, Greg	1		1	3	4	3		1	3		16
Sandone, Nick	1	2	1	2				5	1	4	16
Rifkin, Howard	1	1		2			1	4	4		13
Vattilana, Joe			1	2	1	2			5	2	13
Buonfiglio, Vince			3	5		1			1		10
Senner, Don	1		2		1	2	1	1		2	10
Ursino, Lou	3			2		3					5
Boyd, Rich									1	4	5
Stark, John			4								4
Cicconi, Bob	1			3							4
Leonetti, Joe				3	1						4
Barrineau, John										4	4
Goerke, Doug										4	4
Goschke, John	1			2							3
Haas, Butch				3							3
Scheidemantle, Dennis			2								2
Jones, Keith				2							2
Levy, Dennis	1										1
Marciante, Steve	1										1
Kortman, Tommy									1		1
Rothgeb, Jason									1		1
Schwach, Chris									1		1
Napoleon, Mike									1		1

*Monthly points are awarded as such: Each person who enters a model into the theme receives 1 pt. 1st place = 4+1, 2nd = 3+1, 3rd = 2+1*

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